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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Director of Intelligence  
General Staff, U.S. Army

**SUBJECT:** Request for Research Project on Selected Towns  
of the U.S.S.R.

1. This Agency is coordinating certain intelligence studies on selected towns of the U.S.S.R. It is understood that the Engineer Research Division of the Army Map Service has the competence and source materials needed for the preparation of specific parts of these studies.

2. It is requested that the Chief of Engineers be asked to instruct the Army Map Service to cooperate in these studies by furnishing this Agency with materials and manuscript in accordance with the outline presented below for selected towns on a continuing basis. Working level coordination will be established between the Chief of the Map Branch, CIA, and the Chief of the Engineer Research Division, Army Map Service.

3. It is anticipated that the requested rate of production will be one to two studies per month. The manuscript copies of textual material, accompanied by listings of readily available bibliographic references and by appropriate sketch plans, in one copy, are desired.

4. The outline for each contribution from the Army Map Service, relating to a specific town of the U.S.S.R., is as follows:

a. Source materials, preferably for retention, or for loan or reproduction.

(1) Latest available editions of town plans and maps. If the town was materially changed by the war due to destruction and rebuilding, both prewar and postwar maps are desired. Overlays showing war and postwar changes would be very useful. Medium scale maps showing the town and its surroundings, as well as large scale plans, are desired.

(2) Reports, publications and guide books held by the Army Map Service which relate to the specific town.

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3. It is understood that the requested studies fall roughly within the framework of the research activity established for the MIS Program. It is hoped that the work required in fulfillment of this request will not jeopardize the MIS work schedule.

W. H. HILLENKOTTER  
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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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